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The Honorable John Barrasso Chair, Senate EPW Committee 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper Ranking Member, Senate EPW Committee 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for The Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation for Wildlife Act (S.1514).

## Dear Senators:

Magpul Industries is an international leader in the design and manufacturing of firearm magazines and accessories. Our U.S. manufactured products are used by combat soldiers, competitive shooters, firearm enthusiasts, and sportsmen.

As a company that places the highest value on freedom, personal responsibility and individual choice, and actively supports sportsmen and conservation efforts, Magpul Industries writes this letter strongly supporting The Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation for Wildlife Act (S.1514). American sportsmen and firearm enthusiasts are the most conservation-minded and responsible citizens of our country and this bill will strengthen and enhance sportsmen opportunities and critical conservation efforts in the U.S.

There are many aspects of S.1514 that Magpul supports, but there are several aspects of the bill that we can attest will provide immediate and significant benefits. For instance, Section 2 will facilitate the building of additional public shooting ranges that are desperately needed across the country. The expansion of public ranges will allow more firearm owners to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights and facilitate new firearm owners to learn how to safely and responsibly handle a firearm. In addition, as competitive shooting become extremely popular, these new ranges will support the growth of this sport.

U.S. public lands are a treasure for the American people. It is important that we create new opportunities for citizens to embrace and utilize these public lands. It is equally important that we support efforts that conserve these public lands and ensure that we are acting as responsible



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stewards of these lands for the next generation. For these reasons, Magpul supports S.1514's objective of enhancing and protecting public lands.

Magpul supports The Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation for Wildlife Act and appreciates your consideration of this letter. If you would like to discuss this issue further please contact me directly or our Director of Government and International Relations, Colonel Tray J. Ardese USMC (ret.) <a href="mailto:tardese@magpul.com">tardese@magpul.com</a> or (843)-271-5269.

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